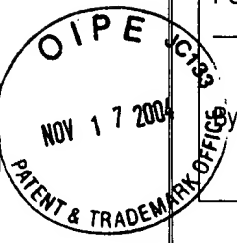


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In re application of:

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Art Unit: 1654

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AS A DIURETIC**

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2004 , Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months; and
- 2) Exhibit A: Barda *et al.* (2004) *Supplement to Gastroenterology*, 12(4): Suppl. 2, Abstract M1439.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.